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(54) Projection system with selective reflective screen

(57) Selective reflective optical apparatus includes
a projection screen. The projection screen has structure

constructed and arranged to selectively reflect only in-
cident optical energy of a predetermined number of nar-
row bands of optical wavelength regions.

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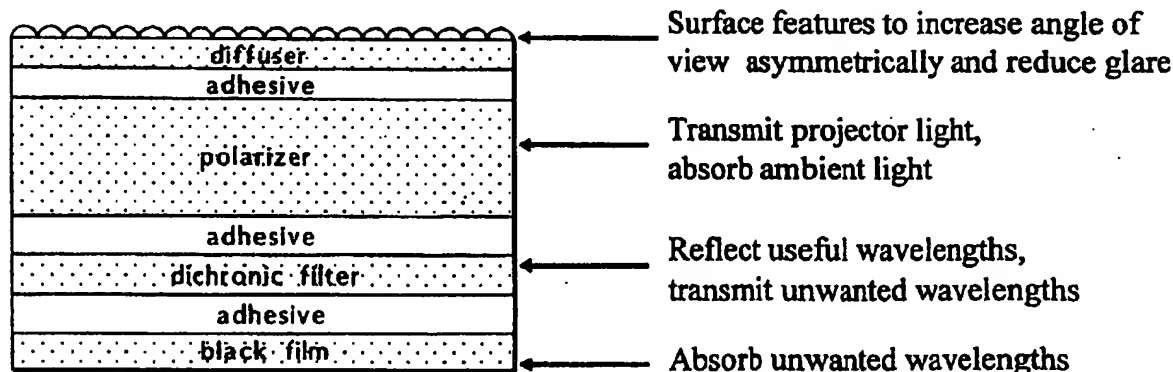


FIG. 7

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- ☐ No claims fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims.

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The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

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- ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, the Search Division did not invite payment of any additional fee.
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The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. Claims: 1-5, 9-12, 21, 22, 32, 52-56, 63-65 and 67

The problem addressed in claims 1-5, 9-12, 21, 22, 32, 52-56, 63-65 and 67 is to enhance the contrast of images projected onto a projection screen by reducing the influence of ambient light on the projection screen. The solution proposed is an absorbing material that selectively absorbs light at specific wavelengths.

2. Claims: 6-8, 13-16, 23-26, 51, 57 and 59

The problem addressed in claims 6-8, 13-16, 23-26, 51, 57 and 59 is to enhance the contrast by increasing the luminance of the projected image. The solution proposed is multilayer interference coating that selectively reflects specific wavelengths of the projected light.

3. Claims: 27-29, 60-62, 66 and 68

The problem addressed in claims 27-29, 60-62, 66 and 68 relates to an ambient light for an audience without reducing contrast of a projection system. The solution proposed is a source of ambient light with an inverse spectral structure to that of the projector.

4. Claims: 17-19, 33 and 34-40

The problem addressed in claims 17-19, 33 and 34-40 is to adapt the viewing angle of the image projected on the screen to an audience. The solution proposed is an asymmetric diffuser for angular spreading of the projected image.

5. Claims: 20, 30, 31, 41, 47-49 (and 50?)

The problem addressed in claims 20, 30, 31, 41, 47-49 (and 50?) is to enhance the contrast between ambient light and projected light. The solution proposed is a polarizing layer for absorbing light of a polarization direction orthogonal to that of the projector. It is not clear if claim 50 should belong to this group or to group 7.

6. Claim : 58

The problem addressed in claim 58 relates to the problem of optimizing the angle of incidence of light upon the screen, which is solved by using a curved screen.



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7. Claims: 42-46 (and 50?)

The problem addressed in claims 42-46 (and 50?) is to balance the spectrum of the projector lamp. The solution proposed is to use a second light source for adding a colour to the spectrum of the first lamp. It is not clear if claim 50 should belong to this group or to group 5.

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